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Kickstarting spring

Darren Lum takes a ride on the wild side at Trails and Tours workshop
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Darren Lum/TIMES



Close encounters of the wolf kind

Young Taylor Bennett and her mother Stacey get as close as they dare to a stuffed wolf at the Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Preserve during the March Break. Taylor came with a few of her friends from the CHACE Minden daycare.

County wrestles down property tax increase

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

The day started with county council facing a 38 per cent increase for the county portion of the tax levy - a number that councillors unanimously agreed was not realistic.

Councillors knew they had an onerous task ahead of them when they arrived to deliberate the preliminary budget on Wednesday. They had to cut nearly \$2.7 million in proposed spending, each department's wish list for 2003.

As sand slowly filtered through the hourglass, and number crunching went into fifth gear, councillors had whittled down those figures signifi-

cantly. But they still weren't satisfied with the possible 2.55 per cent increase they were facing at the end of the day.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said he didn't want to increase the county portion of the tax rate at all mainly because the county has an extra \$1 million in revenue from increased property assessments.

"I had hoped for a zero per cent increase, but it's not looking very realistic now," he said.

Although the county has more money to spend, the coffers aren't exactly overflowing.

Last year council depleted the remaining money in the highway

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Snowmobile-van collision sends girl to Sick Kids

A 13 year-old Keswick girl suffered a broken collar bone and lacerations when the snowmobile she was driving was struck by a van on County Road 1 near Lochlin.

The collision occurred at 5:25 p.m. on March 13 when the girl drove the snowmobile from a private driveway into the path of a southbound van driven by 23 year-old Troy Miller of Lindsay. Miller swerved in an attempt to avoid the snowmobile and entered the ditch. He was not injured.

The girl was transported to Minden Hospital, where she was stabilized. She was then transported to Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto by air ambulance. Investigating officer Boyd Jarvis said the girl's injuries were not life-threatening.

Although the girl could have been charged under the Highway Traffic Act, Jarvis said he won't be laying charges. "I'm sure she learned her lesson," he said.

An 11-year-old boy was injured last Monday when he drove a snowmobile across South Kashagawigamog Lake Road and was hit by a vehicle.

Snowmobile drivers under the age of 16 are not allowed on roads. They must get a licensed driver to cross roads.



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"We're balancing the misery between this year and next year."

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Special requests still to be debated by county

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reserve fund. Any money the county plans to spend to improve roads will all be from local taxpayers, CAO Gary King reminded council.

Reserve funds are also suffering because council isn't putting as much money away. While the state of the reserves might not affect the county immediately, it could come back to haunt council, King said.

At the end of the discussions, the roads department budget, which makes up nearly 53 per cent of the county budget, suffered the most.

Roads Operations Manager Doug Ray was asked to make a short list of roads that required improvement. As a result of his priority list, council made some changes to the budget.

Spending was reduced on the twin culverts in Gooderham; County Road 3 which goes through Glamorgan; County Road 11 on Kushog Lake and also on County Road 18 on Kashagawigamog. Ditching was another area that was tightened at the end of the meeting.

"All these needs will still be here next year," King said. "We're balancing the misery between this year and next year."

"Are we supposed to close up the county and throw away the key?"

ELEANOR HARRISON

Councillors were crossing their fingers that the province might make some additional money available for road improvements, but no final figures were available for the budget discussions.

Emergency Medical Services is another area where a cash infusion from the province might be available. But King had major concerns when council decided to only put \$25,000 into the EMS reserve fund. The reserves budget is being drained this year for the purchase of two ambulances and defibrillators for the county.

"We need to replenish the reserve," King said.

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Jim McMahon proposed several changes to the EMS budget, reducing office supply spending as well as money for uniforms.

EMS Manager Bob English expressed concerns about increasing hydro and fuel prices. He is anticipating spending an extra \$10,000 in fuel in 2003 just because of inflated prices.

"The call volume has been increasing, which means we have to spend more on fuel," he said.

Many concerns were raised when Steven Foster, 911 coordinator, was asked why nearly \$357,094 was being spent on wages associated with the 911 project.

"I still have a lot of work and a large geographic territory to cover and that is what is driving my costs," Foster said.

Foster still has one field co-ordinator, one field technician, three clerks, one and a half cartographic technicians, one data analysis clerk and two GPS crews.

McMahon, who commented on one individual's \$40,000 salary, said he had a major problem with how high the figure was.

Other staffing issues were discussed in closed session at the end of the day.

When council finally reached the 2.55 per cent tax rate figure, a number that most councillors, including Warden Reeve Rigney wanted to be at zero, it still hadn't addressed social services and other grant requests, including the chamber of commerce operating grant.

Requests from the fish hatchery, Canoe FM, the Haliburton Highlands County Fair Board and a doctor recruitment initiative have also not been discussed by council.

Fearrey said council had to stop this ongoing funding.

"We are taking money off of county responsibilities and giving the money to special interest groups," Fearrey said.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison told council that it would be highly criticized if it didn't give any money to doctor recruitment. "We can't keep cutting everybody," she said.

Harrison said she could live with an increase between two or three percent.

"We've already cut nearly two million dollars from roads and we haven't addressed grants yet," Harrison said. "Are we supposed to close up the county and throw away the key?"

At the same time, Dysart Deputy-reeve Bill Davis said the council "couldn't be all things to all people."

Rigney said that if it came down to it, the council could try to find another \$50,000 or \$60,000 in the budget in order to provide some grant money.

Treasurer Laura Janke told councillors that for every \$50,000 council increased the budget, it would result in an increase of \$2 in taxes on \$100,000 assessment.

Numbers were not final last week. Councillors were still waiting to hear about possible funding assistance from the province, and they still had to hear a deputation from the Chamber later this month. Council expected to discuss the budget at the next meeting on March 26 and will schedule special meetings as needed.

Municipal and education tax rates have still not been determined.

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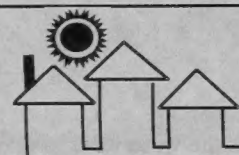
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Blooming T-shirts

Showing off their T-shirts, (back, from left) Rose Paliwoda, Barb Millington, Nancy Hope and Helen McKirdy are proud of their work, as taught by their instructor Chris Wilde, seated. The ladies were participating in a day-long workshop for T-shirt appliqué, as hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Spinners and Weavers at the Pritchard House in Minden. Call 286-3310 for details on future workshops such as crocheting on Mar. 20 by Elaine Blakely and watercolours by Susan Lowry on Mar. 27.

Village Green is waiting to blossom

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 13 meeting of Minden Hills Committee-of-the-Whole. All items still need to be ratified by Minden Hills council.

Minden might be a little greener if the Village Green committee has its way.

Members of the committee attended a recent Minden Hills committee-of-the-whole meeting to provide council with a design concept for the open space on Main Street beside the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

"It's a beautiful concept," said Lois Rigney. "It's an oasis, with green space and resting space ... In the concrete jungle of Main Street here is your oasis."

Verne Brinsmead, who is a landscape architect and planner, volunteered to design the "oasis". He showed council his design for the 59-foot area, which included among many other things lots of green space, a walkway, a mural on the bank building, a sculpture garden and a gazebo.

"This gazebo could act as an impromptu stage or workplace for artisans to display their work," he said.

One issue that Brinsmead raised was the maintenance of the green space, which could include a rose and/or perennial garden.

"We were thinking that there might be a possibility of seniors volunteering," Brinsmead said.

The committee also took into consideration a proposal by the owner of a business that abuts the Village Green. He wants to open up his business along the proposed green space.

Brinsmead said the request, which has not been approved by council, wouldn't affect his design concept.

The business owner requested a 13-foot strip of the Village Green, but council was waiting to hear from the Village Green committee before granting the request.

"Maybe he will want to donate [finan-



Landscape Architect Verne Brinsmead shows his conceptual design of what the village green can look like if everything goes as planned.

cially] to the project," Brinsmead said.

Funding will be primarily through donations and any additional funding the committee can apply for through the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

"It's a community pride project," Rigney said, adding that memorial donations might also be a way to raise money. In return, the committee was thinking of making small plaques to go on benches or other items in the Village Green.

"The committee is open to suggestions," Brinsmead said.

Many of the items included in the committee's draft concept can be fairly expensive, Rigney said, "but so far I've heard from at least seven people who are interested in making donations."

Rigney said that she knows council has voiced its opinions about past projects falling by the wayside, but that this time around it is a "committee of doers and not talkers."

The design concept isn't final and the committee didn't ask council for money.

Deputy-Reeve Jim McMahon thanked

the committee and commended them for their hard work. The Minden Hills committee made a motion to support the draft design concept.

Bat Lake

A representative from the Bat Lake Ratepayers Association has asked council for support in banning gas-powered motor boats on the lake.

"Bat Lake is small and our concerns are primarily safety," said Bridgett Gull, who has lived on Bat Lake for the past three years.

She explained to council that the public access point on the lake is not traversable because of marshy area, which makes it a challenge to get a motorboat in the water. "The boats get stuck," she said.

Of the 17 cottagers on the lake, only one has ever expressed a desire to use motorboats, she said.

"We are not trying to discourage anyone from using the lake," Gull said.

No one on the lake currently owns a motorboat, she said.

While the Department of Oceans and Fisheries governs the waterways and ultimately places and bans or restrictions on water bodies, the township has an option to either support or disapprove of things such as moto boat bans.

Deputy-Clerk Twyla Nicholson said that if the council decided not to support Gull's application to the Ministry of Natural Resources, then it was unlikely that the MNR would grant the ban.

Motorboats have not been an ongoing problem on the lake, but Gull said she is also concerned about the environmental impacts of boats on the lakes, adding that oil and gas tend to collect on the south shoreline of the lake, which will have a negative impact on the wildlife, vegetation and swimmers.

"It's not a big lake where it can flush itself out," she said, and "it's not connected to other lakes."

Deputy-Reeve Jim McMahon was concerned about Ontario Provincial Police being able to access the lake.

Gull said the only option was to grant access from water-access cottages.

This proposed ban was raised in 1998. One person opposed it and the council of the day voted against the ban.

The township still has to provide public notification and hold a public meeting before council determines how it will vote on the proposal. To date, Minden Hills has received one letter of opposition from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

Highway 35

Geared to start construction on Highway 35 south to Miners Bay in 2004, the Ministry of Transportation asked council if it could buy some slivers of land in order to complete the project.

The total value of the small portions of land is about \$1,900.

Chief Administrative Officer Gerry Morrison said he has already had a few people who live along the highway take a look at the MTO's construction plan.

The issue was not voted on.

Celebrating her birthday, Vera Smith raises her batons during the Mardi Gras activity day at the VON's adult day centre at Hyland Crest while Lynn Higgs Thompson and David Lawrie dance to the big band sounds of yesteryear. The Day Centre offers an interesting and enjoyable day of activities for adults in need of social, physical or mental stimulation. They also enjoy a hot noon meal and the chance to take part in activities from exercises, games and crafts to wood-working, music and special events.

Darrin Lum/TIMES



CHACE becomes partner in Early Years Centre

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

Family Resources for Victoria County has been designated as the local lead agency for Early Years services.

The new name will be Ontario Early Years Centre Haliburton Victoria Brock and will encompass Haliburton County's CHACE (County of Haliburton Agency for Child Enrichment). Family Resources and CHACE signed an agreement to form an alliance last June.

Judith Tripp will be the Executive Director of the new agency, which formally comes into being on April 1. The head office will be in Lindsay, with satellite offices in Fenelon Falls, Minden and Haliburton.

Tripp said services offered by CHACE will continue from the same facilities, with some enhancement to programs. In addition, mobile Early Years drop-in resources will be available in Dorset, West Guilford, Cardiff and Wilberforce twice a month. The mobile units will have

early childhood programming, toys to loan and a variety of other services.

CHACE and FRVC will operate as one entity with funding from the province. Tripp stressed that all services currently offered will continue. The new agency will include parental education for parents of youngsters 0-6 years of age.

Sue Doan of the CHACE centre in Haliburton will be the Resource Program Manager of the new agency. Her home base will remain in Haliburton County.

An 11-person board of directors will oversee the new agency, with representatives from all areas. Haliburton County will have four representatives: Kristen Bishop, Tina Phillips and two positions yet to be filled. In addition, two advisory boards will be set up – one for Haliburton County and one for the rest of the area covered by the program.

John Macklem was the community champion who led the process to form the alliance. "It's building on resources and co-ordinating services we already had,"

he said. "It's putting the word family back in our vocabulary."

Macklem said that in this case, family doesn't necessarily mean people who are related. "It doesn't have to be a cousin, uncle or parent," he said. It includes the community as part of the family.

"Kids need to know they are supported and loved," Macklem said. "It is the simple things we do that influence their future."

He said one of the goals is to ensure children have the opportunity to realize their full learning potential. Reducing barriers and working to make the best use of the resources that are available are also high on the list.

Macklem said \$500,000 in new funding will be available. "It's a good start," he said. "More dollars spent on the development of children is very positive." He acknowledges the support of both the provincial and federal governments and he said he hopes this is the beginning of a continued commitment to support the program with additional funding.

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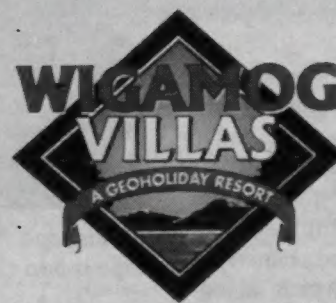
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Computers stolen from county office

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

The county's chief administrative officer is recommending that the county purchase more motion detectors after several thousand dollars' worth of computers were stolen from the county office.

CAO Gary King and one of the roads engineers noticed the break-in on Sunday, March 2 when they arrived at the office to catch up on some paperwork.

The thieves had broken a window to access the roads department, which is on the lower level of the county office, King says. They then smashed through a partition to gain access to the various offices.

"Someone had to know something about the building because they avoided setting off the motion detector," King

says.

He's recommending that the county buy additional detectors which will cost a couple of thousand dollars. "We're going to try to avoid it from happening again."

He says the fax machine and several computers were stolen. With damages, the cost of the break-in was \$15,000.

None of the computers which were stolen contain confidential information, King says. "There wasn't anything of significance we lost in terms of records. There was nothing confidential, just road maps and things pertaining to roads."

The day after the break-in the insurance company approved the purchase of new computers which were installed last Thursday.

"We're back up to full steam," King says.

U-Links students present research papers on Saturday

The public is invited to attend a Celebration of Research hosted by U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research

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Burnt River residents prepare for flooding

More than 100 residents from the Burnt River area attended a town hall meeting on March 8th to better understand flooding problems. Staff of both the City of Kawartha Lakes and Kawartha Conservation were on hand to answer questions about flooding.

One of the programs provided by Kawartha Conservation to its member municipalities is advance information on the regarding the potential for flooding. Although the Burnt River is located outside of the jurisdictional boundaries of Kawartha Conservation, staff provided an estimated 100 area residents with insights on flooding in this area, so that they can be better prepared to protect their properties and lives in the event of future flooding.

Bev Booth, a natural resources planner with Kawartha Conservation, said that the Burnt River has a well-documented history of flooding, with significant flooding occurring in 1951, 1960, 1976, 1982, 1991 and 1998. Based upon historical records, flooding usually has been the result of runoff generated by snowmelt in combination with rainfall. However Booth stressed that flooding can occur at any time if the conditions are right.

Booth went on to review factors that contribute to flooding.

Almost 60% of the Burnt River watershed is located downstream of any dams used to control water levels along the system. There are no water controls structures on the Burnt River between Kinmount and the outlet of the river at Cameron Lake. There is thus very little control over the majority of the Burnt River system.

The Irondale River, a tributary of the

Burnt River, contributes a significant amount of water to flows in the lower section of the Burnt and the lower section is very flat making it difficult for the water to rapidly flow away. This is compounded by bends in the river and natural obstructions trapped in such places.

Although opening the Trent Severn dam at Cameron Lake may appear to be a means of stopping flooding, Booth noted that, "during a flood event the volume of water coming down the Burnt River is quite large and it would be impossible to lower water fast enough in Cameron Lake to make a significant and immediate difference. The release of water from Cameron Lake must also consider downstream water levels and the potential for downstream flooding to downstream landowners."

Kawartha Conservation provided a handout to help people to better understand the Burnt River and how flooding may occur. Copies are available from Kawartha Conservation.

Residents of the Burnt River can call a toll free number (1-800-328-5260) to find out current information about the potential for flooding in their area.

Kawartha Conservation would like to remind watershed residents that with the approach of spring, areas around watercourses should be avoided. These areas can be hazardous, as streambanks are slippery, the ice cover unstable, and currents may be strong.

Kawartha Conservation will continue to monitor changing conditions throughout the watershed region. Anyone have a concern about water levels or who can provide information about conditions observed in their local area are asked to call (705)328-2271.

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Minden's prayer heard around the world

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

With images of war and conflict in the back of their minds,



Pat Bradburn led the service at Minden United Church.

members of the community gathered at the Minden United Church to pray for the women and men of Lebanon as part of the World Day of Prayer 2003.

More than 2,000 communities across Canada and more than 170 countries took part in the annual day of prayer, which brings people together in common worship. This year Lebanon, a country scarred by years of conflict, was the focus of the prayer service.

The service, which was written by women of Lebanon from three Christian families - Catholic, Evangelical and Orthodox - included a variety of hymns, passages and prayers.

"We have tried to relay to World Day of Prayer participants around the world the feeling of peace that comes after the storm and the beautiful feeling of the healing power of the Holy Spirit as it fills our hearts and guides us

Allison Taylor/TIMES



With voices united in song, these women were also united in prayer with people from around the world. This year's service was prepared by the women of Lebanon, a country scarred by war.

into the way of peace as we seek God's will in our lives," said the women of Lebanon in the prayer service pamphlet handed out to members of the audience.

For service leader and United Church Women president, Pat Bradburn, the day of prayer was the perfect opportunity to unite with other people.

"This day of prayer is important to show support to people around the world," Bradburn

said. "It brings people together at the same time in common prayer."

Joy Bain gave the sermon and said that her heart was aching not only for the women of Lebanon, but also for the people in the Middle East as potential war looms over Iraq. She asked worshipers to take a moment to consider all of the Middle East as part of their prayers.

The service included a tree

planting ceremony, which demonstrated a token of solidarity and support to the women of Lebanon who are helping replant the areas that were badly hit by war in that country.

Bradburn says that each year the World Day of Prayer moves throughout the churches in the county and is an ecumenical service. In 2004 the prayer will focus on Panama.



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Durham College president has daily view of Minden

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

For decades, cottagers making the Friday night pilgrimage up Hwy. 35 felt a warm glow when they passed by the old barn in Minden — "We're almost there!"

Karen Richardson was one of those people enamoured by the barn's simple elegance and graceful command of its surroundings. Instead of just driving by, however, she stopped to paint it.

It was at a show of her work that Gary and Lois Polonsky came across the painting. The Polonskys weren't Highlands cottagers, and had never driven by the Minden icon, but something about the painting made them instantly want to buy it.



This photo of Gary Polonsky by Durham College student Andrew Barron caught George Simmons' eye because of the painting of the Minden Barn hanging on the president's office wall.

The irony is that after they bought the painting, and after the old barn was sadly destroyed, they started making the Friday night pilgrimage through Minden.

Their son Mike and his wife, Adriana Carnevale, bought a cottage on Drag Lake. Forced to live in Whitby during the week because of work, the younger Polonskys and their two children try to make it to the cottage every weekend. And now his parents are frequent visitors, too.

"We love Haliburton," Gary Polonsky says in a telephone interview while staring at the

painting which hangs in his office at Durham College. "It's just a paradise. Who knows if we'll retire there."

Retirement for Polonsky would mean giving up a job he loves. He's the president of Durham College and is one of its most enthusiastic supporters.

In fact, it was because an article about Polonsky's induction in the college's Sports Hall of Fame ran in Durham's alumni magazine, *Reflections*, that the story behind the painting came to light.

Irondale's George Simmons, whose daughter Arlene graduat-

ed from the college, was leafing through the magazine when he came across the photo of Polonsky and instantly recognized the barn in the painting behind him. That got us to thinking about why the college president had a painting of Minden so dominantly displayed in his office and we gave him a call.

"I try to have an open door policy," Polonsky says, so that means that many people have seen the painting. It's surprising how many of them recognize it, too. "They see the painting and it brings back great memories."

Ajax teen killed in skiing accident at Sir Sam's

The March Break had a tragic end when a 15-year-old girl from Ajax died in a skiing accident at Sir Sam's Ski Area in Eagle Lake.

Heather Neatt was coming down one of the runs when she lost control and hit a tree at approximately 11 a.m. on Friday.

She was transported by ambulance to the Haliburton Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Poets host reading

Haliburton poets will hail National Poetry Month at a poetry reading at the Haliburton Library on Thursday April 10 from 7-8 p.m.

Local poet Lea Harper, author of *Shadow Crossing* and *All That Saves Us*, is organizing the reading to help celebrate poetry. Local poets are invited to share their poems or read from the work of their favourite Canadian poets.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Living by the numbers

You can almost hear the crunch, crunch, crunch. No, it's not someone walking across hard-packed snow on a frosty morning. It's municipal and county councils and their department heads crunching numbers, trying to keep tax rates from going through the roof.

It's not an enviable task and it's certainly not something to which most taxpayers devote much thought.

The rates we pay in property taxes depend on numerous factors, not all of which are local. Thanks to mid-east terrorists, we've seen insurance rates take a dramatic increase over the past few years. Municipalities and county governments pay enormous insurance premiums, even with huge deductible amounts.

On the local front, Mother Nature has contributed to substantial cost overruns in the snow removal budgets. The money to pay this added burden will have to be found somewhere and eventually, it will come from the wallets of taxpayers. Perhaps councils will petition snowmobilers and skiers for financial contributions, since they are the obvious benefactors. Somehow, we don't think "user pay" will apply in this case.

Budget negotiations are a complicated process that involves many more participants than our elected politicians, although it is the politicians who ultimately approve the tax rates and take the heat from those who disagree with their decisions.

Each department head within the municipal and county government system produces a budget, based on previous and projected costs. They know what the actual costs to run their specific departments were in the past. Their budgets for the coming year take into account salaries of employees within the department, upgrades to and replacement of equipment, and a variety of other factors over which they have no control. Who could have predicted the increase in insurance rates as a result of the 9/11 tragedy, or the increase in the cost of fuel, hydro, the production of safe drinking water and many other commodities and services essential to the operation of our communities.

Any savvy department head will include "wish list" items in their budget presentations with the hope that council will recognize the added value those items will provide. The value could be in time or labour savings, both of which could result in long-term benefits. The trick is to convince council members that the potential benefits justify the initial costs of those wish list items. Councillors, in turn, must weigh the cost/benefit components of the equation and decide whether or not they can sell the package to the public. And to the astute politician, public perception is all-important. A public which perceives a politician as a spend-thrift is unlikely to re-elect such a representative, whether the title is deserved or not.

That new dump truck, for example, may save thousands of dollars over the long haul (pun intended), but some may question the need for a new truck while an old one still runs. They don't take into account the fact that a truck that is operational has much more trade-in value, or value on the open market. Department heads know that equipment must be reliable. A break-down at an inopportune time can result in huge cost overruns.

Those who prepare budgets and those who approve them must be part accountant, part salesperson and part fortune teller.

Budget time is when council members and department heads truly earn their keep.

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Shadow play

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Snow clearing inadequate

To the Editor:

This winter has been a long hard one for everyone. Lots of snow and bitterly cold temperatures make for terrible road conditions. As owners of the Minden Taxi company, we can honestly say we've had to drive a lot of people we normally wouldn't, simply because people weren't willing to risk their own vehicles on the roads. We heard from customers countless times that they normally wouldn't call a cab, but the way the township and county roads were being neglected this year, they just weren't going to risk their cars and trucks on them any more.

We live in a community with probably more seniors than any other age group, yet these people seem to get the shortest end of the stick. They are nervous to drive, and are told not to attempt to drive in these conditions. But what alternatives are they given, pay cab fare to go anywhere, or risk

life and limb climbing over the ice and snow banks they call sidewalks in this town? It seems the only times these are cleaned are when one of the main businesses complains that snow is blocking their driveways. What about the rest of us who actually like to get out in the winter? Are we supposed to walk down the street? If we do, we risk being showered by all the slush, snow and anything else the municipality hasn't bothered to clear off for the last week or so.

The saddest example of how poor snow maintenance has been this year, has to have been at the annual Santa Claus Parade. Two, three hundred people came to show their support for all the small organizations, businesses and most importantly the town of Minden itself. At the initial site where the floats loaded up, there must have been at least a half a foot of slush up the entire

*see SNOW page 9

IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Hold the fries

It's just a small indication of how nasty this impending war is going to get when the Americans start renaming foods based on political differences.

The most recent and frightening case happened when French fries were renamed Freedom fries in many of America's finest restaurants and cafeterias simply because the French have decided to view the Iraq conflict in a different light. Apparently, though the Americans are great believers in freedom of speech, they are not great believers in variances of opinion.

As a result, not since Waterloo have the French been so disgraced.

Now, this intense pressure is shaking the very foundations of that food-driven nation. Let's face it; if the Americans persist in this sort of dirty culinary diplomacy, the French have a great deal to lose. They might as well pack their baguettes and go home. Then there are French Fries, French toast, French Crullers, French dressing, French Onion Soup, French Cheese, French

Champagne and more. Entire cookbooks, The Larousse Gastronomique for instance, would be wiped off the face of the earth, restaurant menus would be neutralized, and the very fabric of French cuisine will be torn asunder. My God, the fancy French restaurant would go the way of the dinosaur!

Obviously, other countries at the table are sitting up and taking notice.

The Hungarians with their goulash, the loss of which would be devastating to that nation, and the Irish with their coffee and stews are being careful not to disagree with American policy in the Middle East.

Similarly, the American diplomats have pretty well sewn up North American support with veiled threats to rename Canadian bacon and Mexican Rice. And, in Europe, diplomatic talks over the fate

of Greek salad, Swedish meatballs, Italian sausage, Russian dressing and English trifle have all turned the tide against Saddam Hussein and his evil empire of lean cuisine.

And, no one has any doubt that Turkish co-operation and air base usage were practically assured by the not so secret threat to rename our holiday bird, the turkey, to Big Chicken.

Yes, it's going to be a dirty war and when all the dishes are done, some of the water spots will never leave.

Of course, the Iraqis have retaliated by changing Buffalo wings to Camel wings and New York Steak to Baghdad

beef, but culinary analysts says it's too little too late. After all, when raw food consumption is taken into account, the Iraqis can't compare to good old American appetites. As the largest con-

sumers of food per capita on the planet, the Americans are truly a gastronomic superpower.

Some would say that this has gone too far; that this has become a childish international game that threatens to create food prejudices where none existed before. Those same people would argue that big corporations with American interests are behind the whole conflict, and that it's really not about a war on terrorism but about oil.

McDonalds and Burger King use millions of barrels of oil every day in their deep fryers and they compete directly with ethnic restaurants world wide for the stomachs of customers. Coincidence?

I'm not sure, but I do know this: Millions of innocent restaurateurs, wait staff, chefs, customers and food critics are going to be hurt in the collateral damage if this goes any further. And if that happens, the haters of freedom (and broccoli) have truly won.

My God, have we learned nothing?



BEYOND 35

Steve Galea

Feeling no pain

I don't recall all the comic books I devoured in my misspent youth, but I do remember one of them. It was called Haunted Tales and it specialized in creepy stories calculated to send shivers of dread down impressionable prepubescent spines.

I even remember one particular story in Haunted Tales. The first panel showed a close-up of a delicious looking chocolate bar, still in its shiny wrapper, lying on a dock by a lake. Along comes a middle-aged looking guy with a fishing rod over his shoulder, obviously out for a day of angling. He spies the chocolate bar, picks it up, unwraps it and pops it in his mouth with a contented smile.

In the next panel he's dropped the fishing rod and his eyes are big as golf balls. His mouth is all puckered and distended – and you can see now that there's... a thin, taut line running from the corner of his mouth, straight across the dock and into the water. The fisherman is on his knees and he's being dragged – reeled in – inexorably across the dock. The last panel of the story is a close up of the lake

surface with just a few bubbles rising and the fisherman's hat floating beside them.

The story was a rather clever, if unlikely morality play designed to make the reader think about angling from a different... angle, as it were. The moral being "What if fish did to us what we do to them?"

Except... not.

Anybody who's ever hooked a fish – be it a 60-pound Tyee or a six-inch chub – knows that what you get right from the get-go is A Fight. The fish struggles, resists, tries with every muscle in its body to shake that hook out of its jaw.

Now imagine yourself in place of that fish on the line, with a great big treble hook set deep in your cheek (and imagine that, like a fish, you had no arms to grab the line and relieve the pressure). Would you be shaking your head and

bucking your weight against the hook? No. You would be whimpering and mincing and tippy-toeing ever so rapidly in whatever direction the hook was pulling you. That's because we human beings have oodles of nerve endings in our cheeks. A hook in the cheek would hurt plenty.

Whereas fish – at least in the bony cartilage of their mouths – have no such nerve endings. That's why they can put up a fight when they're hooked.

Now I know I'm going to get letters on this – especially from the PETA folks. PETA – that's

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals – has already spent millions of dollars on a campaign to outlaw angling, which it con-

siders barbaric.

All I can say is, save yourself a stamp.

Get in touch instead with James D. Rose at the University of Wyoming. He's a professor of zoology and physiology

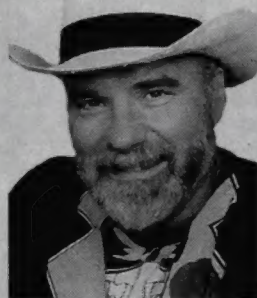
and he's been working on the ins and outs of fish neurology for the past three decades.

Last month Professor Rose published a study that compares the nervous systems of fish and mammals. His conclusion? Fish lack the brainpower to sense pain or fear. But a minnow sees a large-mouth bass coming at him and flees – isn't that fear? No, says Professor Rose, that's 'nociception' – responding to a threatening stimulus. Which he contends is an entirely different kettle of – well, you know.

According to Professor Rose's report, the awareness of pain depends on functions of specific regions of the cerebral cortex that fish simply do not possess.

So it looks like PETA's out of luck with its anti-angling crusade – but wait a minute! What about bait? Doesn't live bait suffer from cruel and unusual punishment?

Not necessarily. I remember the time I was ice fishing on a lake north of Thunder Bay. It was bitterly cold and I wasn't getting a nibble. Just then an old



ARTHUR BLACK

Columnist

Snow removal plans need rethinking

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driveway of the school. Here's about 50 kids and all their parents trying to get them to their floats, having to slug through all that muck. Then there wasn't a cleared off sidewalk for the entire route. Council has obviously decided that it's not important to promote our area by making sure sidewalks and streets are clear for spectators.

Just look at the village streets. First they get a foot of snow on them, and it's left to get all smashed into ruts and grooves. At night, every rut and groove becomes an obstacle to drive around and avoid pulling the entire undercarriage out from your vehicle. The next day it warms up and all the town streets are just a giant slush ball. Yet you still never see plows out scraping the slush off the road and out of the way.

I would be curious to know what kind of shape councillors roads are in? I have no doubt that they don't have the Great Lakes outside their doors, they don't have to crawl up snow banks to avoid the potholes on their roads, and if they have any sidewalk in front of their homes, they are not buried under a foot or two of snow. My only question is, who's going to pay for the maintenance cost from the road damage on our vehicles?!

Maybe it's time someone started thinking out the clean-up plans this town is following. They obviously haven't been thought out very well!

Glenda Stromberg
Minden Taxi

Snowmobiler's inconsiderate act could have caused a fatality

To the Editor:

All this past week I had been trying to get out riding my horses. I don't do that much riding anymore (having a four-year-old daughter limits my free time). She had been away visiting the grandparents and I

thought, great, now's my chance to ride. Monday I took my gelding out for a little hack up the road. Tuesday my boarders showed up to ride their horses and the three of us broke a trail through the knee-deep snow in the field and "schooled" our horses. Wednesday we again rode in the field and then later I took my gelding

for a ride up the road. All week long, all was going well.

Then along came Thursday.

I decided I'd like to hack out my green mare so I called a friend to come ride with me so I wouldn't be riding alone on my inexperienced mare. We had a nice ride, until...

We were almost home and a snowmobile came flying over a hill and was bearing down on us, just floating along. The road is perfectly straight there, no corners or hidden blind spots, no excuse for the driver not to see us, but he/she wasn't slowing down at all. We were still far enough away that I felt secure enough to

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MORE LETTERS

Times readers write

The Scandanavian screamer

It's one way to get a kick out of winter

Story and photos by DARREN LUM

I'm riding on a kicksled which is careening down a hill at YMCA Camp Wanakita and I'm about to die. I never knew a chair on skis could be so dangerous.

Technically, the kicksled is a wooden chair you stand behind while grasping onto a handle bar attached to the back of the seat. This contraption is secured to two plastic runners — think of a rocking chair on skis. The runners can bend out

for turning and stopping. Sound safe enough for a winter pastime? It is... in the right hands.

The day of learning how to kicksled, one of five workshops sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network, started with warm weather and company to match. Inside the "Long House", instructor Jennifer McFarlane, a twenty-something self-confessed snowboarding nut and a white water-



Kris Kadwell experiences the thrill of a downhill run

rafting/kayaking guide, conducted the usual formalities of introductions.

If her background was an indication of what this activity entails, I thought: what have I got myself into? I just wanted to try something new and not break something old... like my trusty leg or arm.

Before we started, expectations of acquiring the skills were low. When

Jennifer asked about what we expected to happen, someone in the group said, "I'd still like to walk at the end of the day."

That changed quickly after watching an instructional kicksledding video which provided beautiful images of people gliding effortlessly across a glass-like lake. It was like a dream.

Our dreams of being kicksledding experts, however, would be shattered going down the first little hill — at least for the older set. Sisters Heather and Karen Cox-Gurdon didn't have any problems. The rest of us would soon be set in our place.

Just before going out, Jennifer did her best to show us the kicksled's various components and gave a demonstration on how to turn and stop. It wouldn't take.

We were told kicksledding really hasn't changed much since it started in Scandinavia for transportation to traverse frozen lakes and ponds in the early 1800s. There has been little variation for the materials and usage. Not only ice fishermen use kicksleds, but Lycra-clad athletes who take pleasure in participating in 26-mile marathons over hills and down treacherous, snaking trails.

With a little bit of confidence I came up with new delusions of becoming the Michael Andretti of the kicksledding world. Watching Kris Kadwell whip down a hill like a bat out of hell and exclaim, "That's worth the \$35," didn't help dissuade me of the thought.

Alone, with everyone inside, I was high atop a hill, wind whistling by my ears. I

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Participants learned to master the finer points of kick sledding

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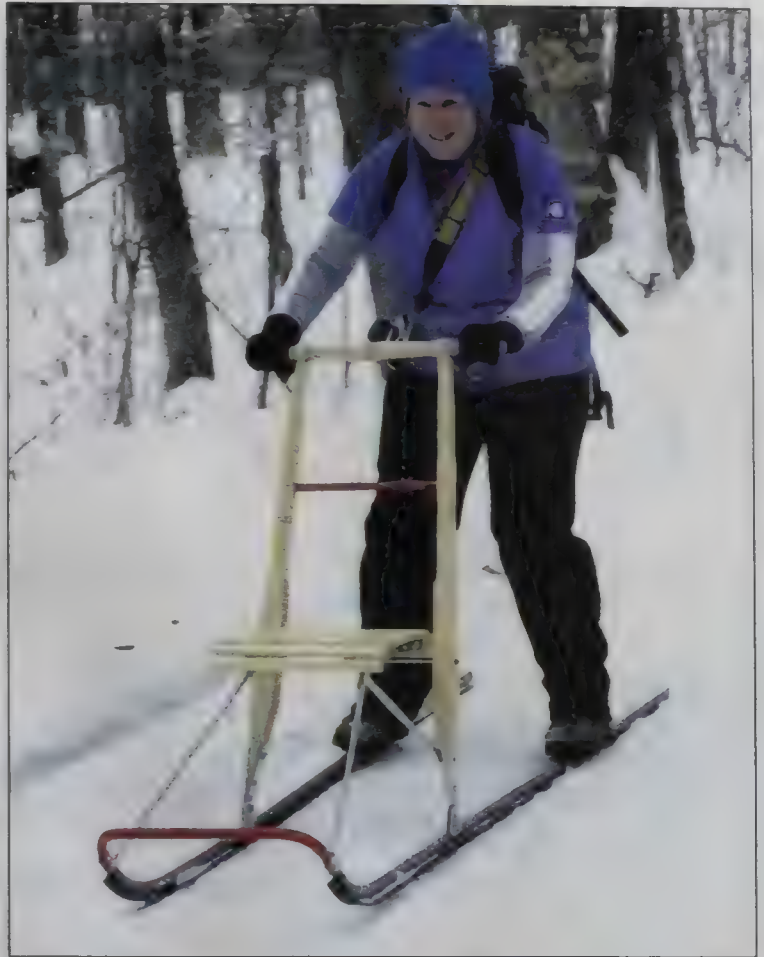
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Kick sledding up hill takes work, but the reward is a downhill slide



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wanted to go fast. Nothing would slow me down on this run. Whipping around a bend, I pushed the runner hard, hoping to turn. As I careened towards the trees, I remembered hearing Jennifer say: "You don't lean to turn".

Too bad my body did the opposite.

Luckily at the last second the runner caught and I narrowly avoided a stately white pine.

With my heart pounding against my ribs, it was time for me to call it a day and to always follow the warnings that say, "Not suitable for steep downhill."

Kicksledding was the fourth in a five-part series of winter active workshops sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network in co-operation with local Outdoor Centres of Haliburton County.

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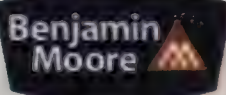
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Public speaking contest held at Minden Legion

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Seven Junior and six Intermediate students competed in the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636, Minden Public Speaking Contest on March 3.

"The teachers [at Archie Stouffer Elementary School] worked hard to motivate the students," said Sylvia Rose, the Legion member who organized the Minden competition. "The speeches were all superb; they were all excellent speakers."

Three judges awarded points in several categories and two scrutineers counted the points to determine the winners. The judges agreed that it was a difficult task to choose the winners in both divisions, but after tallying up the scores, they managed to award a first, second and third in each class.

Third place in the junior division went to Kaitlin Allore. Lesley Crowe placed second and the first place title went to Tara O'Sullivan.



The top three speakers in each division of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 public Speaking Contest were, front row (left to right): Juniors Kaitlin Allore (third), Kelsey Crowe (second) and Tara O'Sullivan (first). Back row (l to r): Intermediates Marcus Hewitt (third), Kayla Wood (second) and Jashelle Reay (first).

Marcus Hewitt was the third place speaker in the Intermediate division. Kayla Wood was second and Jashelle Reay was the first place speaker.

Speakers were required to keep their speeches between three and five minutes in length but there was no restriction on topic. Tara O'Sullivan's speech was on speeches and Jashelle Reay's was titled "my First Zit." All 13 speakers were within the allotted time limit.

Speakers in the Junior division included Erin Pottier, Katie Findeis, Mitch Rea and Joey Findeis. Rounding

out the Intermediate division were Melanie Shapiera, Mitch Vanderlip and Jake Findeis.

The first place winners in each division advance to the Zone finals, which will be held March 22 at the Cobocnk Legion Branch 519. Winners of the Zone competition will go to the District level and District win-

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Canskate Stage 6 Ladies Flight 2: Rebecca Northey, 1st
Canskate Stage 7 Ladies Flight 1: Jena Bailey, 4th
Canskate Stage 7 Ladies Flight 2: Laura Pottier, 5th
Introductory Ladies Flight 1: Kaitlin Allore, 3rd
Preliminary Interpretive Men: Daniel Boisvert, 1st
Preliminary Interpretive Flight 1: Kaitlin Allore, 4th
PJ Pairs: Kaitlin Allore/Daniel Boisvert, 2nd
Junior Bronze A Ladies: Kaitlyn Hewson, 3rd
Junior Bronze B Ladies: Brittany Hicks, 1st
Pre-Preliminary Dance Flight 1: Jena Bailey/Jessica Pottier, 3rd

Pre-Preliminary Dance Flight 2: Kaitlin Allore/Daniel Boisvert, 2nd
Senior Bronze Dance: Maddie MacKenzie/Kaitlyn Hewson, 2nd
Senior Bronze Dance: Vanessa Davis/Nicole Perreault, 6th
Beginner Pairs: Stephanie Foster/Sandy Beckford, 1st
Team Skating Skills: Minden Skills, 1st
Beginner Team Elements, Minden Beginner, 3rd
Junior Bronze Dance: Stephanie Foster/Sandy Beckford, 1st
Preliminary B Ladies: Sandy Beckford, 3rd
Preliminary B Ladies: Stephanie Foster, 4th
Junior Team Elements: Minden Junior, 4th
Intermediate Paris Flight 1: Vanessa Davis/Kaitlyn Hewson, 2nd
Intermediate Pairs Flight 2: Maddie MacKenzie/Nicole Perreault, 3rd
Intermediate Team Elements: Minden Intermediate, 6th
Junior Bronze Interpretive: Kaitlyn Hewson, 3rd
Junior Bronze Interpretive: Vanessa Davis, 6th

Second schedule playoffs under way

by SANDY COLE
Special to The Times

The second schedule playoffs are now under way, with both mixed leagues starting last week and the mens and ladies starting this week. This means there will be playoff action at the club each night this week and finals being played on March 24, 25 and 26. So have an evening out at the curling club and cheer on the teams dueling it out for top spot.

March 22 and 23 the Minden club is hosting the OCA Bantam regional play-downs. Youth curlers will be competing for a spot in the provincials. These curlers are very talented and really put on great games for the spectators to enjoy. Come up and support some of the future stars of the game.

Monday Night Ladies

Pat Woodcroft 10, Nancy Garbutt 5
Zelda Cooper 12, Melanie Vigrass 3

Pat Campbell 6, Linda Eaton 4

Tuesday Night Mens

Dan Garbutt win, Peter McNeilage forfeit
Rob Eaton win, Don Ballantyne forfeit
Ted Wilkes 9, Alf Trotter 5
Dave Blakey 8, Bill Roodenburg 3
Ed Cyr Jr 7, Jim Garbutt 3

Thursday Night Mixed

Melanie Vigrass 7, Rob Eaton 6
Bill Roodenburg 14, Pat Campbell 4
Bruce Fisher 13, Ted Wilkes 5
Jack Taylor 7, Jim Pollard 6
Jim Garbutt 9, Fred Simmons 0
Peter McNeilage win, Harvey Kivela forfeit

Friday Night Mixed

Dan Garbutt 11, Sherdon Kellett 5
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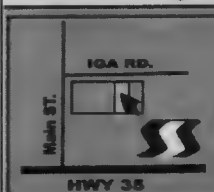
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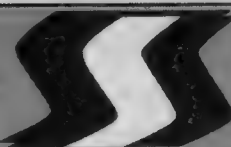
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Farewell bowl

Algonquin Graphics staff gathered at Camarvon Bowl Thursday evening for a couple of games before a farewell dinner in honour of Allison Taylor. Seen here, foreground to background, are: Publisher Len Pizzey, Managing Editor Martha Perkins and Reporter Allison Taylor.

Team 1: Sandra: 99, 175; Allison: 99, 66; Donna B.: 94, 118; Joyce: 119, 161

Team 2: Martha: 145, 147; Kit: 138; Sheryl, 97, 113; Linda: 141, 149

Team 3: Len, Sue, Darren, Andrea, Donna J., Sandi: Too embarrassed to have their scores published.

Carnarvon bowling scores

Carnarvon bowling scores

Tuesday Afternoon League
(March 11)

High average: Ken Thompson 209; Mona Benn 195

High single: Jerry Warren 251; Jean Pugh 248

High single (handicap): Jerry Warren 284; Jean Pugh 288

High triple: Chris Hill 629; Jean Pugh 577

High triple (handicap): Chris Hill 692; Jean Pugh 697

Wednesday Afternoon League
(March 12)

High average: Ken Thompson 220; Mona Benn 190

High single: Ken Thompson 272; Jean Pugh 252

High single (handicap): Ed McGrath 327; Jean Pugh 289

High triple: Ken Thompson 707; Jean Pugh 607

High triple (handicap): Ed McGrath 840; Jean Pugh 718

Thursday Afternoon League
(March 13)

High average: Alf Briscoe 224; Beverley Alexander 192

High single: Ken Thompson 296; Beverley Alexander 268

High single (handicap): Ken Thompson 302; Beverley Alexander 318

High triple: Alf Briscoe 674; Beverley Alexander 576

High triple (handicap): Alf Briscoe 704; Beverley Alexander 726

Minden bowling scores

Minden Hills Lanes bowling scores

Thursday Afternoon Seniors' League
(March 06)

High average: Jim Cummings 212; Mona Benn 194

High single: Ben Dentinger 287; Mona Benn 208

High single (handicap): Ben Dentinger 326; Alice Smallwood 265

High triple: Walter Stegmaier 669; Mona Benn 554

High triple (handicap): Eddie Dykstra 711; Julie Clarke 688

Legion 636 Mixed League
(March 10)

High average: Bob Vankoughnet 192; Pat Roussel 149

High single: Bob Vankoughnet 255; Estella

Burch 202

High single (handicap): Rob Evans 298;

Estella Burch 273

High triple: Bob Vankoughnet 693; Leitha Stearns 493

High triple (handicap): Bob Vankoughnet 777; Beryl Hammington 686

Tuesday Night Mixed League
(February 25)

High average: Rick West 221; Cathy Snell 236

High single: Ed Graham 294; Rawn Loughheed 224

High single (handicap): Ed Graham 318; Rawn Loughheed 249

High triple: Ed Graham 769; Rawn Loughheed 615

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Doctors lobby for county-wide pesticide ban

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

Local doctors have petitioned county council to ban the use of pesticides for cosmetic use.

Doctors Kristy Gammon and Robert Hill spoke to council last month on behalf of local physicians concerned about the toxins from pesticides. They want to see an end to the non-essential use of pesticides.

Gammon said that research suggests 95 per cent of pesticides get into the water table.

"Given we know pesticides are harmful we can see nothing stopping you from passing a pesticide bylaw," Gammon told council.

Gord Smith, of the Carnarvon Naturopathic Centre, warned council that human health is connected to environmental health, as was seen with the once legal, now considered poisonous, DDT.

"There are enough bodies in the body of evidence to indicate pesticides [are cause of human health problems], increasingly recognized as a smoking gun," says Smith.

Dysart et al Deputy Reeve Bill Davis said he understood where the doctors were coming from but he would have to be "schooled" on such things as what should be included in a ban, what constitutes a pesticide and how far county council can go.

Hill says pesticides are very clearly defined and there is no such thing as a non-poisonous pesticide. He also offered to provide council with a list of chemicals that have been identified by the Ontario College of Family Physicians and other groups as being problematic.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Don Shortreed asked if there were any Ontario bylaws they could look at and how they were enforced. Gammon says there are at least 30 bylaws in Ontario and Quebec, and to date none of them have been challenged in Ontario.

Hill says the bylaw could be set up to be complaint driven. If he sees his neighbour spreading pesticides it would empower him to be able to say, "Please stop that, it is illegal." Should that not work he could report the neighbour to the municipal bylaw enforcement officer.

Smith says a bylaw would be part of an education process. He said there are many weed management solutions people can use without resorting to pesticides.

"Loblaws voluntarily took pesticides off their shelves and replaced them with organic, environmentally-friendly products," says Hill.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey says his concern is that the province or federal government should be making uniform decisions about the issue instead of leaving it up to municipalities to create a patchwork of regulations.

"County council is getting caught up in federal and

provincial issues. What kind of pressure is being put on the upper tier? I don't have a problem dealing with issues as they arise. Council would really like to support you but I'd like to see the issue addressed at the upper level," says Fearrey.

Hill argued they cannot afford to wait for a solution to come from the top down and that his experience is that there is a ground-swell of support for the ban of cosmetic (as opposed to agricultural) use of pesticides. This pressure on upper tiers to make changes is coming from a local level.

Fearrey also asked about pesticide use in golf courses. He suggested that local courses would lose a competitive edge if golfers could go over to the next county to golf on prettier weed-free greens.

Hill responded that with a larger number of children golfing it is even more important to limit their exposure to pesticides.

Smith added people vacation in Haliburton County because it is a natural, beautiful place so they should welcome a pesticide-free course. He also says there are golf courses using alternative, less deleterious weed control.

Councillors agreed they would like to see some examples of other counties bylaws before making any decisions.

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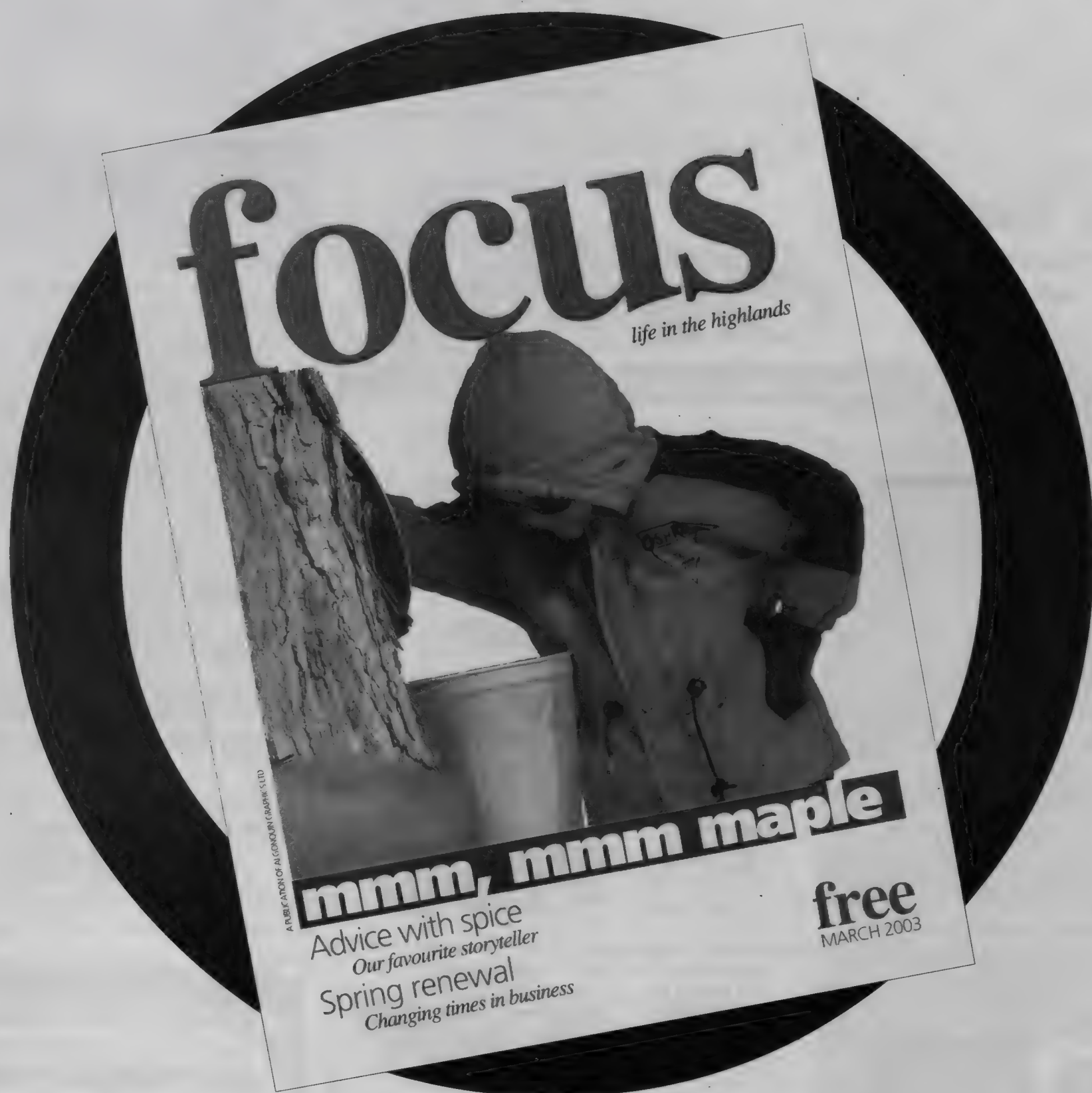
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Naylor set to visit the Highlands March 26

by MICHAEL ROBINSON
Special to The Times

When you ask those who have seen Gord Naylor in action, their first response is to smile. Their second response is to encourage everyone to get out to see him if the opportunity arises. We gave good news! Gordon Naylor is coming to Haliburton on March 26 to present a "must see" talk, Spirit in Action-Report on the World Summit for Sustainable Development.

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His list of accomplishments is lengthy, but most recent

Naylor participated at a representative of the Baha'i Community of Canada, at The United Nations World Summit for Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg, South Africa from August through September 4, 2002.

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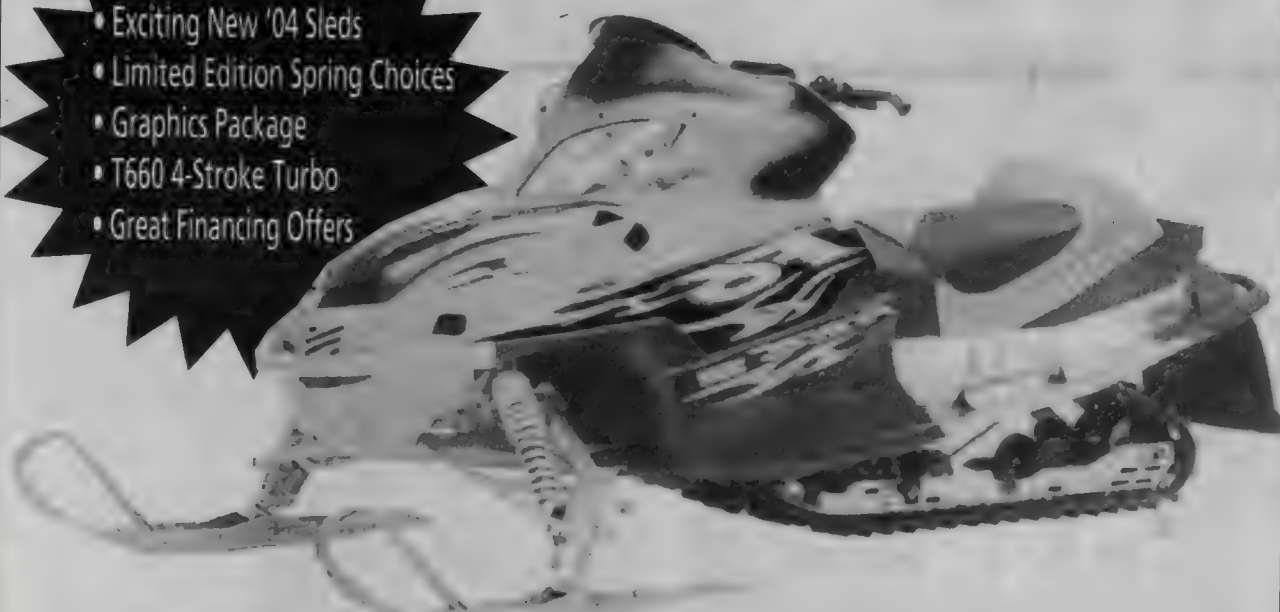


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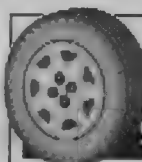
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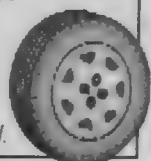
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Mike Walsh, from the Parry Sound Muskoka Stewardship Network, points out to a group of maple syrup producers how to identify unhealthy trees during a visit to the Emes Family Sugarbush part of a workshop at the Frost Centre.

Tapping into maple syrup

by **SHERYL LOUCKS**
Times Staff

The multi-colored plastic lines threaded through a stretch of Crown land forest look like an enormous spider's idea of a fun way to trip up deer but is actually the modern day reality of a sugarbush where the old standard galvanized buckets are now banned.

A group of maple syrup producers from across Ontario arrived at the Frost Centre recently to learn about the newest technology, modern sugarbush management practices and how to work with the Ontario Maple Syrup Association. The workshop was put on by the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council and the Parry Sound Muskoka Stewardship Network. Organizers were surprised to find that before the workshop they were actually having to put people on a waiting list.

"We've held workshops four times but never seen this much response. I don't think we did anything different for advertising, I think there's a growing interest in maple syrup," says Mike Walsh, from the Parry Sound Muskoka Stewardship Network.

The group was a mix of veterans trying to modernize or looking for advice to increase their production and beginners keen to learn about all aspects of the operation. And there is a lot to learn. The maple syrup business is as multi-faceted as a well-cut diamond.

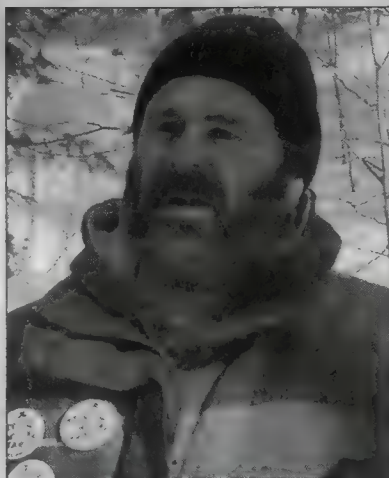
It takes the mind of an engineer to design a good tap line to use the force of gravity to get sap from a tap in the tree to the sugar shack where it will be boiled into syrup. The rigors of Canadian winter on outdoor equipment means you often need to be able to do repairs as well. In order to get sap you need healthy trees and the savvy of a silviculturist and just when all is well and the syrup is bubbling, producers have to become marketers to get the

syrup into the hands of a customer.

Yet despite the challenges, coupled with a very short season as unpredictable as weather, these people are passionate about maple syrup. Robert Mowbary reminisced about making maple syrup as a kid and says now that he's retired, he thought it would make a good hobby on his land back of Big Hawk.

The nostalgia of maple syrup, its ties to pioneering and embodiment of Canada, is as powerful as the taste according to Tom Dawson. Owner of Wintergreen Maple Products, he explained during his presentation how the scrap wood and \$40 he invested became a bit of "magic." He says it started out as a simple shack, a place to show some of the origins of maple syrup making and to have taffy parties for kids. It became the home of legendary "Sourdough Sam" and he says the return from creating this bit of fun for his customers has been tremendous. He says his business often gets publicity when newspapers shoot the little shack for seasonal pictures, an advantage

Adam Emes talks about the work of putting up new hose for his family's sugarbush. Forest they are leasing from the Ministry of Natural Resources in a rare deal that allows them to tap for maple syrup, he explained during a special workshop held recently.



Dawson says he wouldn't otherwise have because the media has shown no interest in photographing the main building that houses a pancake house, gift shop and maple syrup production centre.

Dawson's presentation focused on making the most out of everything a sugarbush has to offer from catering to those wanting to teach their kids or foreigners a bit of history to the art collectors who may buy a turned bowl made out of a beech tree that would otherwise wouldn't be worth anything but burning wood in the sugarbush. He also uses wood culled out of the sugar bush such as poplar, which isn't otherwise marketable, makes fantastic wood for packaging crates - it sands well, takes a rubbers stamp well and is not knotted.

Dawson has created a niche for himself by boiling year round returns out of the investment he has made into maple syrup equipment. He uses the equipment to make a wide variety of fruit syrups while they are in season and turns the dark syrup that is considered not as valuable as syrup into the key ingredients for baked goods, barbecue sauces and mustards.

He insists to be successful you need to be innovative and you need to create a relationship with your customers. Dawson warned the producers not to go the route of trying to get their products on a grocery store shelf, where the grocer will only low ball their price to compete with cheaper lines and take a large chunk of the profit.

It takes a single minded kind of passion to work the evaporators and sugarbush night and day during sap running season and Dawson says any producer deserves to get a return for their investment. Jim and Adam Emes have plenty of stories to tell of all-nighters stoking fires as the sap came pouring in.

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Sugar Bushes get a helping hand

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

On a mission to save the symbol of Canada, the maple leaf, Anne-Marie Roussy outlined a plan to bring back roadside sugar maple trees during a recent workshop held for maple syrup producers at the Frost Centre.

Roussy has a Masters of Science degree and is hoping to use her knowledge to preserve sugar maple trees along sideroads. She is working with a non-profit group called Maple Leaves Forever that plans on starting a seed orchard this summer and in a few years begin a planting program along deforested roads and abandoned farm lands.

The group is asking the public to notify the organization of old sugar maple trees that are along sideroads, preferably 80 feet tall, 30 inches in diameter, and with

Sheryl Loucks/TIMES



Anne-Marie Roussy, a speaker at an all day maple syrup production workshop at the Frost Centre questions Adam Emes about operations at the Emes Family Sugarbush.

the crown spread out evenly. The trees will also be preferably on the east side of the road. These are healthy trees more

resistant to salt that is more often blown to that side of the road.

Her concept is to take cuttings and seeds from these healthy trees and use them to grow seedlings that will eventually be replanted.

"The sugar maple is an important heritage tree, an eco-important tree. The roots stabilize the soil, it's good habitat, you all know the reasons," she says.

She explained the program is partly designed to combat the takeover by the Norway Maple. Many towns, she says, have planted the Norway Maple along streets. You cannot make syrup from the

tree, it's an invasive species and nothing grows beneath them, unlike the sugar maple.

Roussy says the technique her group plans to use has not been tried before but she's convinced it will work. She says sugar maples are now dying at the age of 80 instead of 300 and this program is working towards preserving and propagating this tree.

For more information on how to report sightings on healthy trees or about the program call 416 755-9263 ext. 222 or e-mail kenmlf@yahoo.com or hemlock-hill@sympatico.ca.

The Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR A NEW TOWNSHIP ZONING BY-LAW



TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands will hold a Public Meeting pursuant to Section 17 of the Planning Act on:

Saturday, March 29, 2003

at 1:00 p.m.

at the

Stanhope Firefighters' Community Centre
North Shore Road

An Open House will begin at 12:00 Noon, followed by the formal Public Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to obtain public comments on a proposed new Zoning By-law that will apply to the entire Municipality which is intended to replace By-law # 85-7 (former Township of Stanhope Zoning By-law) and By-law # 98-08 (former Township of Sherborne et al Zoning By-law). The proposed Zoning By-law will affect all lands within the Township, therefore no map is provided as part of this notice.

The purpose of the proposed Zoning By-law is to prohibit the use of land and the erection of buildings and structures except for such purposes as are set out in this Zoning By-law and to regulate the type of construction, height, bulk, location, size, floor area, spacing, character and use of buildings or structures on the lands covered by this By-law. The Zoning By-law is intended to conform with and implement the policies contained within the Township's Official Plan.

The majority of the provisions in the new by-law will be similar to the provisions in By-law # 85-7 and # 98-08. A number of "housekeeping" changes are proposed, to simplify the wording and use of the Zoning By-law.

The Zoning By-law contains a number of new definitions and provides additional regulations for such uses as boathouses, sleeping cabins, home industries, home occupations, and tourist establishments.

Additional information relating to the proposed Zoning By-law, including a copy of the proposed Zoning By-law, is available for inspection at the Township Office during regular office hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm).

Any person or agency may attend and provide representation at the Public Meeting and/or make written representation prior to the meeting, either in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed Zoning By-law.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Township of Algonquin Highlands in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law does not make oral submissions at a Public Meeting, or make a written submission to the Township before the proposed Zoning By-law is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Zoning By-law, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township.

Once Council has received all of the information that it feels is required, it may defer, reject or approve the Zoning By-law or may approve the Zoning By-law with amendments.

Dated at the Township of Algonquin Highlands on the 3rd day of March, 2003.

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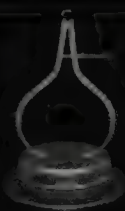
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**Township of Minden Hills, P.O. Box 359,
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**Attention: Mr. Kevin Hill, Road Superintendent,
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Syrup producers have strong ties with community

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Jim gave the producers a run down of how his system works at the Emes Family Sugarbush just a few kilometers up the road from the Frost Centre. He has purchased a new \$8,000 evaporator, the Cadillac in the syrup business. Shining metal, gauges, levers and valves it looks as out of place in the roughly-constructed sugar shack as a sports car on a logging road in January.

Maple syrup though can be profitable, says Jim. He says he started with a few taps and buckets and has evolved into a state of the art operation tapping about 1,300 trees.

Adam says a unique lease from the Ministry of Natural Resources allows them to tap Crown land trees.

Adam talks about the work running up and down the hill stringing hose tree to tree and the work involved in keeping the lines clean, yet his smile is huge as he jokes about the moose high stepping over the lines and the deer jumping them. There is clearly a love for the business as both men guide the producers around the bush and it makes one wonder if perhaps there is not a bit of an intoxicant in all of that maple syrup.

Learn to recognize scams and fraud at seminar

Haliburton County home Support Services and the Minden OPP would like to keep you safe and secure.

They are offering a seminar that will help you to recognize and avoid scams and fraud. This two-hour seminar is on April 7, from 10 until 12 noon at the Home Support Drop In Centre in the Halco Plaza.

The guest speaker will be Mark McMaster from the Minden OPP

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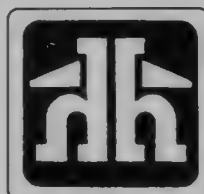
Haliburton County Home Support Services is once again offering an Aquasize Program every Tuesday morning from now until May 27th.

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Dia Duith and Top of the Morning to all from the old farmhouse at "Connemara" back here on the Galway Road in New Galway. There is a strong Irish presence on our Road, going back to its early settlers of the 1850's. In spite of my adopted Irish leanings I will never acquire a taste for that mandatory pint of Guinness, and now neighbour Judy reports that sprinkling salt for good luck on her lottery ticket only resulted in a messy lottery ticket.

The Kinmount Seniors have organized another bus trip to Casino Rama, Orillia on Thursday, April 3, leaving that morning from the Kinmount Legion. The cost, which includes both the bus fee and a smorgasbord lunch, is a bargain at only \$4. To save your spot, and for final departure time, please give Mildred a call at 488-2728.

Presenting at the Wednesday, April 9 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be members of the Greater Harvey Historical Society, speaking about the United Empire Loyalists. Doors open at 6 p.m. at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden with the speakers at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be available as well as a "bring and win" raffle. Everyone is welcome.

Thanks to Ada Handley for the 2003 Centennial Calendar of Events taking place at St. Luke's Anglican Church of Burnt River. Special guests on Sunday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. will be Rev. Mervyn Everall of St. James Anglican Church, Minden and Rev. Dan Millard of the Kinmount Baptist Church.

Scoring News:

Thursday, March 6 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: For most lone hands it was Bess Cox for the ladies and Dean Chambers for the gents. High lady Lois Adamson was joined by Anne Baker representing the men. Low scores for the evening went to Kay Orr and Gala Stamp, while other prize winners were Norm Lee, Verna McDonald, Nick Boekestyn and our reporter May Bradbury.

Friday, March 7 bid euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: The single moonshot went to Dick Coffey and the hidden score to Pearl Cowen. Jean Scadden 246 took top spot for the pinks, followed by Verna McDonald 228 and Verna Sawyer 205. For the white cards it was Dick Coffey 235 first, then Pat Scadden 226 and Chris Clarke 219.

Friday, March 7 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Using the Howell system, it was Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf first at 57%, then a tie for second between Dorothy Thayer and Ross Fletcher and Reet Murray partnered with Bill Sandford 56%.

Saturday, March 8 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Ruth Kellett reports another good turnout, with Ray Moore first at 298, Gala Stamp 275 second and Margaret Fletcher 255 third. Hidden scores were uncovered by Marcel Roussel, Pat Bailey and Ida Young, while moonshots landed on Pat Roussel, Gala Stamp and Margaret Fletcher.

Monday, March 10 cribbage at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Maxine Cross reports that first place went to Sid Adamson, with Jean Scadden second. Draw winners were Anne Baker, Joe Rivers, Don Burch and Jean

Scadden.

Monday, March 10 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Olive Daniels was a double winner, taking both most lone hands and the baloney. High lady/man were Barb Robitaille and Harry Randell, while Jean Randell and Alvin Cowen recorded the evening's lows.

Monday, March 10 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: High score holder was Gala Stamp, with Elaine Yeo taking the low. Everyone welcomed back Georgina Deeks, who took most lone hands honours, and Cecil Smith won the special draw.

Monday, March 10 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden: For most lone hands men/ladies it was Marion Stickwood, and Fern Donnelly sharing with Katie Parker. High scores went to Gwen Cox for the ladies and Norm Lee for the gents, while Joyce Ritchie took the low. Draw winners Gwen Cox and Bill Mosley, are looking forward to next week and some Irish themes.

Monday, March 10 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: Ida Young had both the highest score and the only moonshot. Mildred St. Thomas took second high spot and husband Bill was the special prize winner.

Tuesday, March 11 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Top spot went to Marcel Roussel, with Gala Stamp second and Ida Young third. Ida also had a moon-shot along with Kay Smith, while hidden scores were uncovered by Birkie Parker, Milton Fletcher and Esther Lee.

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FINAL 9-1-1 ROAD NAMES FOR ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS

The citizens of Algonquin Highlands are invited to review the full list of municipal road names that are the result of 9-1-1 work in the municipality. Under the Municipal Act, this list (see below) must be made known to the public prior to the passing of a comprehensive municipal road-naming bylaw.

To be certain of the status of your road name, please come to the municipal office on North Shore Road or the satellite office on Main Street in Dorset during regular business hours. A map of the municipality and all its roads, public and private, with their respective names, will be on display in both locations. The name by which your road was known in the past will either appear intact, be changed through loss or addition of a word or replaced in its entirety. Any concerns you have may be registered with the municipality for consideration and possible referral to the County.

Inquiries may be made to the North Shore office at 489-2379 or the Dorset office at 766-2211.

ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS 9-1-1 ROAD NAMES

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Impressive euchre game for Bartley in Lochlin

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Tuesday, March 11 Stanhope Fire Hall Seniors Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard: Syd Lockhart and Moe Briscoe were first with a score of 290. Cliff Davison and Helen Skelding teamed up for second at 247. Third spot went to Betty Lockhart and Shirley Alderton 239, while the duo of Fred Gregory and Hazel Dorman had the afternoon's low of 62.

Tuesday, March 11 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were two Grand Slams with Muriel McIntosh partnered first with Stella McMillan and then with Dorothy Thayer. A Small Slam was also recorded by Betty Dicker and Dave Heaven. Top scores went to Muriel McIntosh 6590, followed by Dave Heaven 5880, Dorothy Thayer 4880 and Ev Morgan 4730. Lucky draw winner Ray Moore congratulated Muriel on receiving the "HOTM" Award and echoed "Hats Off To Muriel."

Tuesday, March 11 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Barb Carpenter reports that George Bartley took most lone hands and also won the special draw prize. Betty Curry had high

score for the ladies and Don Hicks for the men. Daughter Lynn Hicks was low lady and Chris Hill low man.

Wednesday, March 12 duplicate bridge at Park Lane, Haliburton: In first was the duo of Muriel McIntosh and Ross Fletcher 63%, then Ev Morgan teamed with Bill Sandford 60% and Stella McMillan with Ross Davies 53%.

Wednesday, March 12 bid euchre at Stanhope: Chris Clarke had two moonshots, with singles going to John MacGillivray, Jim Fink, Barb Robitaille, Lottie Ruttan, Norm Lee, Neil Griffin and Ev Griffin. Leading the pinks with 261 was Lottie Ruttan, followed by Barb Robitaille 259 and Pearl Cowen 251. For the white cards it was Ken Wallace first with 269, then Alf Helleman 260 and Verna Sawyer 249.

Wednesday, March 12 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: It was a double win for Mildred St. Thomas, taking both the high lady score and the special draw prize. High man was Rick McElwain, with Marg Viney and Bill St. Thomas recording the lows. Most lone hands were held by Dorothy McElwain.

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The Dorset Recreation Centre is now accepting resumes for the July and August Summer Day Camp Program. If you are interested, and have life guarding qualifications, please forward your resume to: The Dorset Recreation Centre, Box 99, Dorset, Ontario, P0A 1E0 or by fax to 705-766-9688 or E-mail to drc@vianet.on.ca. For more information, please call 705-766-9968.

A Hearing Clinic will be held on Monday, March 24 at the Dorset Recreation Centre from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registered hearing instrument specialist Gord Kidd provides hearing tests, audiometry, tympanometry, hearing aid recommendations, hearing aid service, batteries, cleaning, counseling and hearing information. Appointments are a good idea, so to reserve a time, please call 705-286-6001 Minden Hearing Service.

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will be held on Sunday, March 30 at 10:30 a.m. (no service at St. Mary's).

The Stanhope Recreation Committee is hosting an All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Stanhope Firefighter's Hall on North Shore Road, Carnarvon. Come out for some delicious pancakes, bacon or sausage and a beverage, all for just \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. For more information, you can call 705-766-9968.

The Honourable Andy Mitchell, MP Parry Sound-Muskoka, will be at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Saturday, April 12, between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for a town hall meeting. All are welcome to attend with their questions and comments. Please call the Recreation Centre at 766-9968 to confirm the meeting as Andy's schedule is subject to change.

Birthday wishes for March 16 to 22 go out to Meghan Allore, Taylor Clark, Cody Ryan, Shirley Cowal, Audrey Clayton, Kaleigh Schuetze, George Sargla and Judith McConkey. Have a wonderful day!

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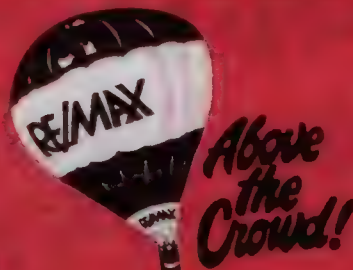


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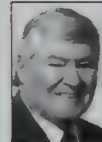
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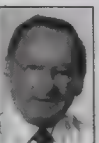
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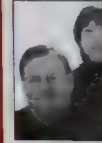
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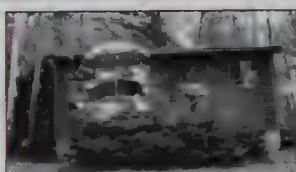
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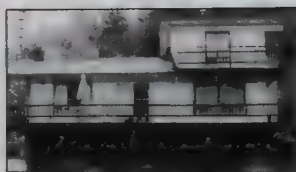
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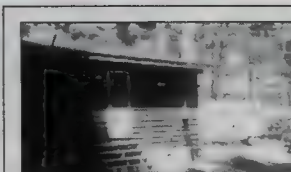
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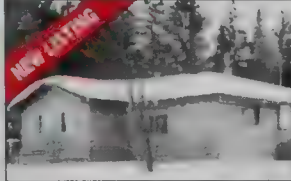
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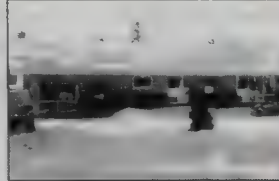
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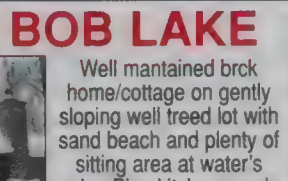
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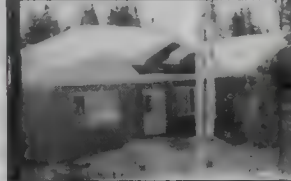
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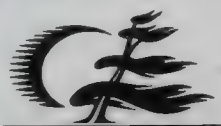
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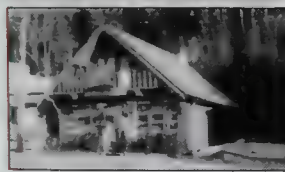
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Dated: March 5th, 2003
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460 OBITUARIES

DON GRAHAM
Born April 24, 1921
in Richmond Hill, Ontario
passed away at
Simcoe Manor,
Beeton, Ontario
on March 13, 2003
Beloved husband of Dorothy (nee Le Grow). Dear father of Ted and Linda, John and Diane, Bev and Howard. Loving grandfather of seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Survived by his sister Margaret and her husband Reg Sharpless and by his sister-in-law Audrey Coumbs. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) from 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm Friday. Funeral Service was in the Chapel on Saturday, March 15, 2003 at 11:00 am. Cremation to follow. Reception will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #636, Minden. Memorial Donations to the Alzheimer's Society or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Legion Service was at the Funeral Home on Friday at 6:45 pm. **CA**

NORAH LOUISE BRIGGS
Peacefully on
Wednesday, March 5, 2003
at the West Shore Retirement
Village in Port Perry,
at age of 93.

Norah (nee Anchor) beloved wife of the late Stan Briggs of Minden. Loving mother of Marilyn and her husband Bill Moore of Ashburn and Don Briggs and his wife Beverley of Toronto. Loved grandmother of Karen, Sharon, Sheila and Bill. Dear Nana of Kristina, Britney, Tonya, Lisa, Lynsey, Shane, Jessalyn, Colin and Aaron. Relatives and friends were received at the WAGG FUNERAL HOME, "McDermott-Panabaker Chapel", 216 Queen Street in Port Perry (905 985-2171) on Friday from 7-9 pm. A Service to celebrate the life of Norah Briggs was held in the Chapel on Saturday, March 8th at 11 am with Reverend Brent Stiller officiating. Interment Erskine Cemetery, Pickering. If desired, memorial donations may be made by cheque to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Community Memorial Hospital Foundation in Port Perry. Online condolences may be made at www.waggfuneralhome.com. **CA**

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STEWART HOGG
(Manager of W.H. Treads in Haliburton for many years)
Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital as a result of brain cancer Wednesday, March 12, 2003 In his 42nd year.
Stewart is survived by his parents Amy and Wentworth Hogg of Minden, by his brothers Jim Hogg of Putnam, Stephen Hogg (Michele, Susan and David) of Oshawa, and by his grandmother Vera Stewart of London. He will be greatly missed by his aunts, uncles, cousins, especially Kathryn and Andrew, and by his friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) on Saturday, March 15, 2003 from 1:00 pm until the time of the Funeral Service at 3:00 pm. Cremation followed. A reception will be held in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF), to the Haliburton County Access Centre, or to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. **CA**

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- **Haliburton County Home Support** has an ongoing Treasure Table in the Drop in Center. Drop by with your change and check out our table. We appreciate any donations towards our table...please no clothing. For more info call 705-457-2941.
- **Haliburton County Home Support** has volunteers just waiting to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a SECURITY CHECK PHONE CALL. If you know of anyone who needs a phone call once a day, please call Judy at 457-2941.
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- **March 18:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups- Haliburton. 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Alzheimer Office Caregiver Education Topic: The Brain and Behaviour. Please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335.
- **March 20:** 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Hyland Crest. Caregiver Education Topic: The Brain and Behaviour. Please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335.
- **March 17 to April 21:** Folk Art Classes for Beginner's at Club 35 with Karen Donalson. Mondays 1 to 3 p.m. Registration is required - 489-2241. Call for a list of requirements. Brought to you by the Stanhope Recreation Committee.
- **March 19:** Basic Rescuer Recertification 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. For information and registration phone 324-1656
- **March 20:** Haliburton 50+ Club- welcomes you to join us at the Haliburton Legion hall for our last meeting of the season. We will be having a Pot-Luck Supper so please bring your favourite dishes. Our annual election of officers will follow dinner. Please come out to lend your support. Doors open 4:30 p.m. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. New members or guests welcome. If attending, please let Mary or Brian know by Tuesday, March 18th. Call 754-3319.
- **March 21:** Join us at 1:30 p.m. at the Kinmount Recreation Centre (Above the Artisan Market) to hear John Hullbig, Author of Whispering Pines: A Haliburton Heritage and Whispering Pines Two: A Haliburton Heritage in Verse and a third book ready for print. John Hullbig will tell his life story before a live audience. The program is hosted by the Alzheimer Society of Victoria County. Light refreshment will be served.
- **March 24:** Hearing Clinic. registered hearing instrument specialist provides hearing tests, hearing aid recommendations & service, batteries, cleaning, counselling and hearing information. Call to reserve time 705-286-6001-Minden Hearing Clinic.
- **March 24:** Residents of Kinmount and area are invited to a community meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Kinmount Community Hall to discuss the development of Seniors Housing which supports the concept of aging in place (supportive housing). Past housing initiatives will be reviewed and potential current opportunities explored. For more information call Community Care at 324-7323.
- **March 26:** Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists- Join us for a presentation on the Elk Restoration Project at the Haliburton Museum at 7:30 p.m.
- **March 29:** Come help us celebrate the 70th birthday of our Uncle Murray Hogg. Please come to Carnarvon Bowl & Billiards, Hwy #35 & 118 between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- **Free Internet & Computer Lessons.** Call to book your appointment with Adam Jones, our Community Access Program Internet Facilitator. Adam is in most evenings between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. but an appointment is required to guarantee a lesson. Please call 766-9968. Dorset Recreation Centre.
- **April 5:** Maplefest "All You Can Eat" Pancake/Sausage Brunch and Bake Sale. Lochlin United Church 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Church Rd. off County Rd. 1, Lochlin. For info call: 286-1765.
- **April 5:** Algonquin Highlands All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pancakes, Sausage or Bacon & A Beverage. Stanhope Firefighter's Hall. Northshore Rd. Proceeds to the Stanhope Recreation Fund. Call 705-766-9968 for information.
- **April 5:** The County of Haliburton Agency for Child Enrichment will be holding a C.H.A.C.E. Appreciation Day, Celebrating 20 years of service to Haliburton County at the C.H.A.C.E. Resource Centre in Haliburton (Lower Halco Plaza). This event will take place between 10 a.m. and noon. The Founding Mothers, former staff, children, board members and all C.H.A.C.E. supporters are invited. Come and check out the pictures, the C.H.A.C.E. memorabilia as well as a display on the history of the agency. Refreshments will be served.

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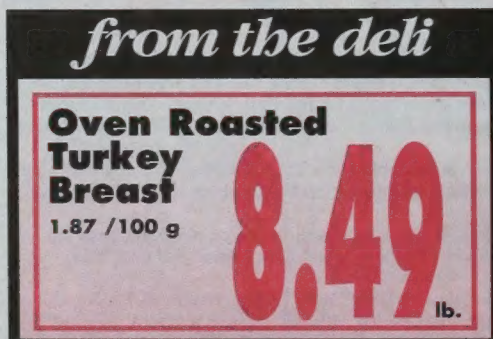
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